

What is claimed is:

1. A method for remotely monitoring vehicle diagnostic trouble codes,  
5 comprising:  
receiving a list including at least one diagnostic trouble code at a  
vehicle telematics unit;  
receiving at least one diagnostic trouble code from at least one  
vehicle electronic module at the vehicle telematics unit;  
10 determining if the received diagnostic trouble code corresponds  
with the diagnostic trouble code on the list; and  
transmitting a communication from the telematics unit to a call  
center based on a positive determination.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the list received at the vehicle  
telematics unit is sent from a call center via a wireless network.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein receiving at least one diagnostic  
trouble code from at least one vehicle electronic module comprises periodically  
20 sending a diagnostic trouble code request from the telematics unit to the  
electronic module via a vehicle communication bus and receiving at least one  
diagnostic trouble code from the electronic module to the telematics unit via the  
vehicle communication bus in response to the request.
- 25 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the diagnostic trouble code request  
is initiated responsive to a trigger event.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the list received at the vehicle  
includes the trigger event.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the list received at the vehicle includes at least one vehicle electronic module that is to receive a diagnostic trouble code request from the telematics unit.

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7. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
determining responsive action at the call center based on the transmitted diagnostic trouble code.

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8. The method of claim 7 further comprising:  
sending a command signal from the call center based on the responsive action determination.

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9. The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
modifying the list at the vehicle telematics unit.

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10. A computer usable medium including a program for remotely monitoring vehicle diagnostic trouble codes, comprising:  
computer program code for receiving a list including at least one diagnostic trouble code at a vehicle telematics unit;  
computer program code for receiving at least one diagnostic trouble code from at least one vehicle electronic module at the vehicle telematics unit;  
computer program code for determining if the received diagnostic trouble code corresponds with the diagnostic trouble code on the list; and  
computer program code for transmitting a communication from the telematics unit to a call center based on a positive determination.

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11. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:  
computer program code for sending the list received at the vehicle telematics unit from a call center via a wireless network.

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12. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:  
computer program code for periodically sending a diagnostic  
trouble code request from the telematics unit to the electronic module via a  
5 vehicle communication bus.

13. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:  
computer program code for determining responsive action at the  
call center based on the transmitted diagnostic trouble code.

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14. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:  
computer program code for sending a command signal from the call  
center based on the responsive action determination.

15. The computer usable medium of claim 10 further comprising:  
computer program code for modifying the list at the vehicle  
telematics unit.

16. A system for remotely monitoring vehicle diagnostic trouble codes,  
20 comprising:

means for receiving a list including at least one diagnostic trouble  
code at a vehicle telematics unit;

means for receiving at least one diagnostic trouble code from at  
least one vehicle electronic module at the vehicle telematics unit;

25 means for determining if the received diagnostic trouble code  
corresponds with the diagnostic trouble code on the list; and

means for transmitting a communication from the telematics unit to  
a call center based on a positive determination.

17. The system of claim 16 further comprising:  
means for sending the list from a call center.
- 5 18. The system of claim 16 further comprising:  
means for determining responsive action at the call center based  
on the transmitted diagnostic trouble code.
- 10 19. The system of claim 16 further comprising:  
means for sending a command signal from the call center based on  
the responsive action determination.
20. The system of claim 16 further comprising:  
means for modifying the list at the vehicle telematics unit.
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